

**ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE (marked-up copy)**

An authentication system that permits the user to use a function by authenticating the user in a more reliable manner than conventional technologies. The authentication system [[1]] includes a user terminal [[10]], an authentication recording medium [[20]], and wireless ID tags ~~31, 32, 33, 34, 35, ..., 36~~. Upon receiving from a user an instruction to activate a function provided by the authentication system for which the access by the user is limited, the user terminal [[10]] collects ID codes from the wireless ID tags ~~31, 32, 33, 34, 35, ..., 36~~, and judge whether or not a level of match between the collected ID codes and the ID codes stored beforehand in the authentication recording medium [[20]] satisfies a predetermined condition. If the level of match satisfies the predetermined condition, the user terminal [[10]] activates the designated function.